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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: John L. Helgerson  
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: HAC Defense Subcommittee Request for Worldwide  
Briefing

1. On 12 December 1988 HAC Defense Subcommittee staffer John Plashal called to pass on a request from the Subcommittee's new Chairman-designate John Murtha for the DCI to provide a worldwide substantive briefing. Mr. Murtha specifically asked that Judge Webster do the briefing, which is scheduled for 25 January at 1:30 p.m.

2. The Subcommittee asked specifically that we include the following subjects:

- Developments in ~~the USSR~~, including the domestic political and economic situations. They are also most interested in the strategic and conventional military situations and arms control issues. (Plashal did not ask specifically but I think we should also mention briefly Soviet regional foreign policy issues including East and Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, and Angola.)

- European issues, especially the European reaction to Gorbachev's initiatives and what this means to the Western alliance. Mr. Murtha personally noted that he wishes to discuss troop levels and withdrawal issues involving Western Europe and Korea.

- ~~Central America, especially Panama, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.~~

- ~~Drugs.~~ Mr. Murtha asked that as part of this presentation we include the specific issues of money laundering and what more the Intelligence Community will be doing to counter the drug problem.

Plashal is consulting with Mr. Murtha and will be sending us a letter that may refine their interests further.



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3. We are obviously free to add anything else we see fit but I would recommend limiting the briefing to a half dozen or so key subjects. If we brief more than 30-40 minutes we will lose our audience. Rather than reviewing events of any specific past period, I suggest focussing as much as possible on where we stand now in each of the subject areas and what we expect to see in the coming year.

4. The NIC should take the lead in preparing the text for the DCI's use to be submitted in final to D/OCA by close of business Friday, 6 January. Please ensure that you have DI coordination. Our tentative plan is to have only the two of you accompany the DCI.

5. For any needed graphics, please provide large boards, and 20 page-size copies of each. Make clear in the text or margin when to refer to them.

6. If OCA can provide any assistance please contact

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